of the water hyacinth as cattle-feed is not available.

(c) No, Sir. Biological control of this weed is essential in water ways, irrigation channels, tanks etc. that have been blocked completely by the water hyacinth. These areas could have been otherwise beneficially used for fisheries, irrigation, navigation etc.

(d) A senior officer of the Indian Council of Agricultural research is normally on the boards of management/Executive Councils of State Agricultural Universities and of ICAR Regional Committees. Holding of workshops of coordinated projects periodically and of ICAR Regional Committees annually ensures required coordination between ICAR Institutes and Agricultural Universities.

Prices of garlic

1308. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that garlic which was sold at fantastically high prices last year in various *mandis* has gone abegging this year and has no buyers even at ten to five per cent of the last year's prices;

(b) what is Government's estimate about the garlic yield in different States last year and this year; and

(c) what steps have been taken by the Central and State agencies to help the growers of garlic to obtain a fair price for their produce?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): The garlic prices in 1986-87 were abnormally higher due to lower production in 1985-86. Though the prices during the current year are lower than the last year, these prices are still higher as compared to normal years.

(b) The production of garlic in major States during 1985-86 and 1986-87 is given below:

State	('000 tonnes) 1985-86	1986-87
1. Bihar	5.0	5.7
2. Gujarat	15.8	13.4
3. Haryana	8.4	10.4
4. Madhya Pradesh	40.7	58.0
5. Maharashtra	25.5	29.6
6. Orissa	66.4	56.5
7. Uttar Pradesh	12.6	19.9
Others	15.2	12.5
ALL-INDIA	189.6	206.0

Similar estimates for 1987-88 are not yet available from all the States.

(c) Since the ruling market prices are at present reasonably at higher levels, there does not seem to be any need for market intervention.

Propagation and promotion of Sanskrit language

1309. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the names of media programme which have been and are likely to be introduced on All India Radio and Doordarshan to propagate and promote the use of Sanskrit language as an integrating force for strengthening national unity and solidarity?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): All India Radio and Doordarshan do not introduce broadcast/telecast in languages with a view to propagating/promoting languages. Broadcasts in languages are made to serve the communication needs of listeners. Several stations of All India Radio broadcast programmes in Sanskrit to acquaint the listeners with the rich heritages and noble sentiments embodied

in Sanskrit literature and introduce them to the main current of India's cultural tradition mirrored in it. Doordarshan has recently introduced a weekly programme for 15 minutes in Sanskrit w.e.f. May 29, 1988. It is telecast on National Network in the morning transmission.

Wheat unfit for human consumption

1310. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the amounts of overall loses suffered by the Food Corporation of India due to the sub-standard wheat sent from U.P. (namely Naini, Jhansi and Orai) to Mangalore in the years 1984 and 1985; the details of the results of investigations and disciplinary action taken in this regard;

(b) the losses suffered by the FCI during each of the last three years and the current year due to various malpractices in purchases, storage and transit operations of Foodgrains including substandard purchases pilferage, shortage etc; and

(c) the disciplinary actions taken against persons responsible and of those present committed to criminal proceedings for punishment during this period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) According to Audit, the Food Corporation of India incurred a loss of about Rs. 46 lakhs on freight, demurrage, cleaning/upgradation etc. relating to sub-standard wheat despatched from depots at Naini, Orai and Jhansi in UP Region to Mangalore. The FCI has initiated disciplinary action against 8 employees relating to despatches from Naini to Mangalore, against 12 employees for despatches from Jhansi to Mangalore and against 6 employees for despatches from Orai to Mangalore.

(b) The transit and storage shortages of foodgrains incurred by the FCI for the years 1984-85 to 1986-87 are given below:—

Year	Purchase Sales (Lakh MT)	Shortage (Lakh MT)	% of shortage over purchase sales
1984-85	295.14	5.72	1.94
1985-86	368.40	5.95	1.62
1986-87	398.96	6.51	1.63

(c) FCI has proceeded departmentally against its employees for the years from 1985 to 1988 as indicated below:—

Year	Number of employees proceeded against
1985	609
1986	823
1987	654
1988 (up to May, 1988)	306

Foodgrains Production

1311. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the production of foodgrains during 1987-88, State wise and Union Territory-wise;

(b) to what extent each State/Union Territory has been able to achieve the targets fixed in this regard; and

(c) what specific steps were taken by Government to help the States to achieve the targetted production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI